4 students cited

The fifth and sixth grade Title 1 students at Pamplin Elementary School used Black History Month as the theme for practice in using references. The students worked together to look up famous Black Americans and note their contributions. They then competed to see who could match the most names with their accomplishments. Landell Johnson had the highest score in this competition.

The Title I students wanted to let the other classes try their skills, so the contest was made up for all fourth, fifth and sixth graders in the school. These students were allowed a time limit to recall and to look up as many names as possible. Brian Hudson was the winner, with Kellie Jo Tolley and Roger Jackson tying for second place.

The teachers also had a chance to show what they knew.Mrs. Drucilla Green was the winner, and Mrs. Barbara Wesley was runner-up.

WINNERS IN THE FAMOUS Black Americans contests at Pamplin Elementary: Landell Johnson, Roger Jackson, Brian Hudson, Drucilla Green, Kellie Tolley.

MRS. NANCY DICKERSON'S fifth-grade class at Pamplin Elementary School has produced a newspaper, the "Fifth Grade Gazette," as part of a class project.

Local support asked

Through March 31, Proctor and Gamble is giving three cents for each proof of purchase to state and local Special Olympics.

Appomattox County has 30 Special Olympians. Please save the proofs of purchase listed. Collection boxes are located in Kings and Wilbuns. You may also send your proof of purchase to the following teachers at each school. Primary - Mrs. Chilcote; Elementary - Mrs. Harwood; Middle - Mrs. Noble; High School - Mrs. Humbles.

The products are as follows: Secret Deodorant, copy number on the bottom of the spray can; on roll-on, the net weight statement. Cheer, Tide, and Bold, save the new weight statement. On Charmin, the picture of the baby; on Pampers save the U.P.C. seal.

Camay soap, save the entire wrapper; Mr. Clean the fluid ounce statement. Bounce, two end flaps; Crest, back of the box; On Dawn, save the fluid ounce statement and on Pert the fluid ounce statement. Woodrn, copy the code numbers from bottom of the bottle on a piece of paper, and on Crisco, save the net weight statement.

Pamplin class produces paper

Mrs. Nancy Dickerson's fifth grade at Pamplin Elementary School has just completed a newspaper project.

As a result of some class activity on editorials, advertising, and photo essays the students decided that making a school newspaper would be a valuable experience. The first edition of Fifth Grade GAZETTE, came out last week, February 12, just in time for Valentine's Day.

It has been such a success that the children are asking for more. We hope to publish another edition before Easter vacation.

There are 27 students in the fifth grade and each one worked to collect information and put the paper together.

The paper included such things as a "Dear Heidi" column, students wrote about their problems, class news, sports stories, poems, Top Ten TV shows and songs. A horoscope was also included.

Primary Menu

Mon., March 2 - Peanut butter and jelly sandwhich, macaroni and cheese, green peas, milk, fruit.

Tues., March 3 - Bologna and gravy, creamed potatoes, string beans, rolls, butter, milk.

Wed., March 4 - Chuck wagon pattie, October beans, slaw, roll, butter, milk, cookie.

Thurs., March 5 - Hamburger on bun, buttered corn, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 6 - Sausage, french fries, apple sauce, roll, butter, milk.

Elementary Menu

Mon., March 2 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tomato and lettuce salad w/dressing, hot rolls, peach cubes, milk.

Tues., March 3 - Chicken salad on lettuce leaf w/crackers, slice bread, Bu green peas, french fries, apple sauce, milk.

Wed., March 4 - Hot dog on bun, seasoned red beans, cole slaw, apple cobbler, milk.

Thurs., March 5 - Oven battered fish, cornbread squares, seasoned mixed greens, potato rounds, mix fruit, milk.

School to stage 'Annie' in March

Drama and music lovers of Appomattox, get ready! **Annie Get Your Gun** is coming. The Class of 1981 has just begun rehearsals for the Irving Berlin hit musical. The show is scheduled for production on March 27 and 28. The next six weeks promise to be busy ones for the involved students and teachers as they learn lines, build scenery, practice songs, and perfect dance steps.

Watch the **Times-Virginian** for more information on the show of the season–**Annie Get Your Gun.**

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To: Parents and Concerned Citizens of Appomattox County

In December, 1980, Joyce Jamerson presented to the School Board members the 1981-1982 Appomattox County Education Association salary proposal. In the proposal the association asked for a 15 percent salary increase for teachers, aides, and secretaries; an increase in the Master's Degree supplement; the addition of longevity steps for the career teacher; and the inclusion of longevity steps in the secretary's salary scale.

Salaries are not the most important things to dedicated teachers. However, with the current inflation rate, it is becoming increasingly difficult for teachers to remain in education. Teachers have averaged only a 5.5 percent salary increase during the past five years while the Consumer Price Index has soared. In a recent survey it was learned that 53 percent of Appomattox teachers and aides depend upon their salary as the primary source of family income. Improved salaries are the only way to attract and keep the best teachers who will continue to provide a quality education for your child.

The starting teacher's salary in Appomattox is $10,000. In 108 of the 135 Virginia School Divisions, beginning teachers are paid more than in Appomattox. Appomattox teachers are paid less than the teachers in the surrounding counties of Prince Edward, Amherst, Buckingham, Bedford, Nelson, and Campbell. Teacher aides and secretaries start at $3,750 and $4,700 respectively.

In Appomattox, teachers working five years make only $947 more than a teacher with no experience. Teachers in Appomattox County who have taught 17 years have reached the maximum salary of $15,000. This means those career teachers who continue to teach beyond 17 years (ie., 25 to 30 years) will receive no increase in base salary.

Your teachers plan lessons, attend meetings, and grade papers long after the last bell. On an average, teachers in Appomattox County spend a minimum of 13 hours weekly outside of contract time on activities directly related to classroom instruction. Buying many of their own supplies and materials to make lessons better is the rule not the exception. In a recent poll of Appomattox County teachers, it was found that teachers spend an average of $75 annually for teaching materials and supplies which are not reimbursed by the School Board. Many of our teachers have held or now hold second jobs, and 48 percent have taken graduate and recertification courses at their own expense.

Appomattox teachers need your support. They are the single important element in your child's education. You can show your support of their salary proposal by calling or writing the following members of the School Board and the Board of Supervisors and expressing your concern.

School Board Members

Mrs. Ruth Webb
Mr. J. Berkley Drinkard
Dr. A. A. Fratrick
Mr. Robert G. Stewart

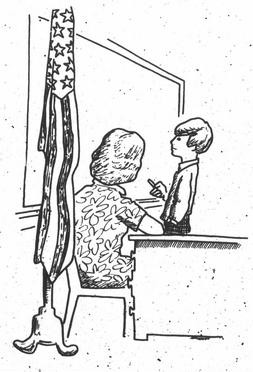
c/o School Board
32 Main Street
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Board of Supervisors

Dr. S. R. Lawson
Mr. Horace Coleman, Jr.
Mr. J. Franklin Vaughan

c/o Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

If you have questions concerning the proposal, please contact your child's teacher.



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Transco workers observe 30 years

Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part story dealing with the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation. Part two will appear next week.

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Transco has been a part of Appomattox County for 30 years and they have been good years.

Just what is Transco and how did it all begin?

Transco is in the wholesale gas business and this is how it all began.....

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation was formed in 1946 by Claude A. Williams and associates in East Texas and Louisiana.

The idea was to carry natural gas from the fields of the Southwest to the Eastern Seaboard. The first plan was to buy the government oil lines known as the "Big Inch" and the "Little Big Inch". This initial plan didn't work out, so these men decided to build a pipe line themselves, provided they could get it financed.

Williams went to New York to talk with insurance companies and other financial institutions. Eighteen of the leading insurance companies of the United States got together and made the necessary money available to Transco.

Full-scale pipe laying operations began on May 23, 1949 when ground-breaking ceremonies were held at Laurel, Mississippi. Before the end of that year 600 miles of main line and five compressor stations were completed.

On December 5, 1950 Transco delivered the first test qualities of natural gas to Danville, Virginia. The test runs were followed 42 days later by the first gas deliveries to New York City on January 16, 1951, the official birthday of Transco's operations.

Construction began in the spring of 1950 on the Appomattox plant of Transco and operation began on February 13, 1951.

The first men to go to work for Transco in Appomattox are listed on a work shift schedule dated February 1951.

Shift engineers were: E. T. Beamer, J. E. Beamer, A. G. Thompson, and auxiliary engineers were W. E. (Buck) Ferrell, (deceased), J. Lloyd Hudson, E. Davis, and T. P. Keesee, Jr. The repairman was W. Frank Hanenkrat. Oilers were W. S. Covington, W. G. Mitchell, H. T. Ferguson, Jr., Lloyd M. Bryant, J. A. Gills, Percy W. George, J. T. Guill and R. W. Cawthorn. The yardman was A. A. Bohannon.

The work shift schedule was signed by Otis P. Dewberry, the first station superintendent. Dewberry came to Appomattox from Texas; he was transferred from the Appomattox plant in 1958 to Stockbridge, Georgia as Station Superintendent, later he was moved to the Houston plant of Transco.

Transco retirees from the Appomattox plant include E. R. Carter, H. P. Clement, W. B. Gilliam, W. Frank Hanenkrat, T. E. Inge, J. E. Beamer, R. V. Leffers, W. G. Mitchell, H. B. Stanley, S. L. Page, J. R. Hall, P. W. George, and A. A. Bohannon.

As members of Transco retire, new faces come on the scene and quickly become a part of the Transco family.

Of the original crew, J. Lloyd Hudson, Lloyd M. Bryant, W. S. Covington, E. T. Beamer, H. T. Ferguson, Jr. are still working at Transco.

One retiree, Frank W. Hanenkrat, does all the unusual things a retiree might be expected to do.....fishing, oil painting, and pursuing his favorite pastime, turkey hunting. But, he found the time to do something else. He wrote a book. The topic? Turkey Hunting, of course! After all, approximately 50 years of studying, observing and hunting turkeys makes him, more or less, an expert on the subject.

Titled **The Education of A Turkey Hunter**, the book provides readers with almost a complete course in the art of turkey hunting.

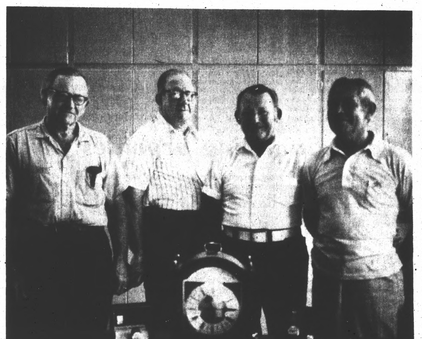
Transco employees don't just work for the company, they **enjoy** working for the company. At the recent 30th anniversary dinner, Lloyd Bryant, President of the Transco Employees Club said, in speaking of the 30 years he has been with the company, "It's been a long time but it has gone by really well because it has been such a good time."

J. Lloyd Hudson, the very first employee of Transco in Appomattox, and still working as Chief Operator on his shift, has this to say about the company."Transco is a fine company, they really know how to look out for their employees."

Hudson, a Chief Operator since 1954, was indirectly involved with Transco before going to work at the station. He went to work on April 12, 1950 on pipeline construction working on the line from Gladys, Virginia to the James River, as a mechanic's helper. He then transferred to construction at the Transco station on July 18, 1950.

At present, the Station Superintendent is V.O. Mimms and employees include J. Lloyd Hudson, R. M. Honeycutt, Pipeline Transmission Foreman, E. T. Beamer, L. M. Bryant, W. S. Covington, H. T. Ferguson, Jr., T. C. Patteson, G. E. Mays, J. A. Gowin, D. C. Reid, H. A. Garrett, J. D. Layne, T. E. Conner, J. D. Carnefix, Transmission Foreman, K. W. Elliott, N. L. Chambers, S. M. Scruggs, R. D. Almond, J. W. Pugh, S. J. Gafford, Robert Hunter, C. E. Ragland, Jr., J. S. Lawson, A. H. Wingfield, L. K. Martin, F. M. Knight and recently hired as part of the Transco team are Walt Williams and Richard Godsey.

Transco is more than a bunch of good men working for a good company. Next week, some interesting things about a growing company.



THE FOUR MEN SHOWN were the first employees of the Appomattox Transco station to receive the 25-Year Award. From left to right, A. A. Bohannon, (retired), Edwin Carter, (retired), William Mitchell (retired), and J. Lloyd Hudson, Chief Operator since 1954.

Arco gets 60-day stay

By BILL SHERROD

The Appomattox Mayor and Council granted a 60-day extension to the expiration date of the Arco Cablevision franchise at a recessed meeting of the governing body last Wednesday evening.

The action was taken in order to allow additional time for two local merchants to study the Arco cable system and equipment. The local men, Roy Franklin and Ronald Coleman, say they are very interested in purchasing the cable franchise and possibly the existing equipment from Arco, a Pennsylvania-based concern which was awarded the cable television franchise two years ago. The franchise was scheduled to expire February 23.

"It will take about 60 days to complete a study of the system, and determine how much money it will take to make this cable system stand on its own," Coleman told the Mayor and Council.

Upon completion of the study, Coleman said, he and Franklin will negotiate with Stan Deimler, owner of Arco, for purchase of the franchise and equipment.

Coleman said that Deimler has made some improvements to the system, clearing up reception on several of the channels, in recent weeks.

He noted that, if he and Franklin decide to purchase the system, they will conduct a survey to determine what type of channels cable subscribers and potential subscribers want on the system.

He said there would most likely be a movie channel such as Home Box Office on the system.

"And, we've been discussing the possibility of putting 14 channels on the air, if we should purchase the system," Coleman said.

Coleman added that a survey would begin only after "an agreement has been reached" with Deimler on transfer of the cable television franchise.

Arco's franchise was cancelled in Appomattox County by the Board of Supervisors two months ago. The Appomattox Town officials had threatened to not renew the franchise within the town limits unless Arco came into compliance with the terms of the contract.

Then, at the meeting before the franchise was scheduled to expire, Franklin appeared before the Council and expressed his and Coleman's deisre to take over the business.

For high school graduation

Competency tests slated

The Virginia Graduation Competency Tests in reading and mathematics are to be administered the week of March 9-13, 1981.

According to an announcement made by Donald L. Armentrout, principal of Appomattox County High School, the tests will be locally administered on March 9, 10, and 11. Members of the Class of 1983 will take the reading test on March 9, and the mathematics test on March 11. Students who expect to graduate in 1981 or 1982 who have not yet passed one or both tests are eligible to participate in the testing on March 10. A make-up testing date for Sophomores is scheduled for March 16.

The State Board of Education has included in the July, 1978, revised **Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia** minimum competencies as a requirement for graduation. In addition to the units specified for graduation, an accredited school shall require as a condition of graduation that students demonstrate mastery of minimum competency in the areas of reading and mathematics on tests prescribed by the State Board of Education. A student must score a grade that will meet the state standard for passing.

Additional information concerning the Graduation Competency Tests may be obtained by contacting the Guidance Counselors at the Appomattox County High School.

Registration set

Parents of students in the present sixth grade are invited to attend a discussion of the course offerings and registration procedures for the school year 1981-82 to be held as follows:

Date and Time - Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. **Place** - Auditorium, Appomattox Elementary School; Tuesday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m. **Place** - Pamplin Elementary School; Tuesday, March 10 at 8:00 p.m. **Place** - Cafeteria, Appomattox Middle School.

The purposes of each of these meetings are to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings that will be available and to explain registration procedures for the school year 1981-82.

Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present to lead the discussion and to answer questions. It is hoped that parents will be present for one of the meetings that has been scheduled.

Schools closed Friday

Appomattox County Public School students will not attend school on Friday, March 6. This date is scheduled in the school calendar to give parents an opportunity to visit the schools and talk with teachers. Parents who wish to meet with teachers of their children should call the schools in advance for appointments. Teachers will be available to meet with parents from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, teachers will be meeting in departmental groups. These instructional groups meet three times each year to coordinate instructional activities, to evaluate specific areas of the curriculum, and to keep abreast of developments in the field of education.

Friday, March 6 will be a busy day for school personnel. It will be an important day in the school year because teachers will have an opportunity to share experiences and learn from each other. It will also be important because of the opportunities parents and teachers will have to work together in the interest of the youths of the county. Parents are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with principals and teachers about the progress of their children. "Through cooperative efforts of school personnel and parents the goals of the educational systems will be achieved," said Lloyd Walton, Division Superintendent.

AMS sets coffee hour

The Appomattox Middle School has invited all parents to a coffee hour on Thursday, March 5, 1981, at 11:00 a.m. to be held in the school library.

The purposes of this meeting are to review the Annual School Plan and to receive any suggestions parents may have for next year's plans.

Auto tags due

1981 County auto decals go on sale March 1 and must be purchased by March 31, 1981 at the Appomattox County Treasurer's Office. Cost is $10.00.

All personal property tax must be paid before you can purchase your decal. Decals can be purchased by mail but only if you send in your valid state registration card with license number or a photostatic copy along with the following information:

If married or have ever been married - both husband's and wife's name.

Did you live in Appomattox County on January 1, 1981.

Did you own this vehicle on January 1, 1981, if not make and style of vehicle you did own Jan. 1, 1981.

If you are purchasing your decal by mail, your request must be in our office by March 20. Any request you make after March 20 most likely will not get back to you by March 31.

The Treasurer's Office will be opened March 21 and March 28 until 12 noon.

Town tags due

Auto tags for residents in the Town of Appomattox go on sale March 2, according to Town Manager Bill Britton.

The town office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 28.

Residents are required to purchase their auto tags by March 31, according to Britton. In order to buy the tag, a resident must bring a receipt of payment of town taxes, as well as the registration card for the vehicle.

Any questions regarding purchase of town auto tags may be directed to Britton at the town office.

Board to consider budget

Consideration of the 1981-82 school budget and review of achievement test scores among Appomattox County students head the list of agenda items for the 3 p.m. meeting of the county school board on March 11.

The meeting, which will include review of regular reports and reviews, will be held in the School Board office on Main Street.

Athletic boosters to meet

The Athletic Boosters Club of Appomattox County High School will meet next Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Plans will be made for the upcoming year at the meeting, and all members of the Boosters Club are urged to attend.

THE APPOMATTOX VARSITY RAIDER basketball team fell to Gretna in the opening round of the Seminole District tournament last Tuesday night, but not without a fight. The Raiders, seeded eighth in the eight-team tournament, took the top-ranked Hawks into overtime and came within seconds of defeating Gretna. In the above photo, team members confer with the coaches in the waning moments of regulation time, planning a strategy to deal with the hot-shooting Gretna team. For the full story on the Appomattox-Gretna contest, see sports section, page 7. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

At 12:03 p.m. March 20, Spring begins. So says my almanac. Most of us are ready. Winter was mild and did not leave many problems. The number of plowed gardens increases daily and some of the flower bulbs I planted are coming alive. Crocus in bloom. Store scene....shoppers looking over the seed packets on display. I have a notion there will be a bumper crop of insects this year. Everyone is anxious for an early start of outdoor activity. Has been so dry for weeks on end. One of my neighbors, Mrs. R. S., keeps a container of fresh water out for the birds.

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Public notice. In event their is a baseball strike I am so anxious for the season to start on time that I herewith announce that I am available for third base.

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Appomattox is one of six counties in Virginia whose names end with the letter "x." Challenge: name the others, shunning a map or atlas. Next, over a third of the names of States end with the letter "a" Name'em.

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ACHS basketball season was very successful. The All-District first team selection listed one each from the local boys and girls team. Incidently, at the college and pro level, I think they should raise the basket two feet or else have separate teams for players under six feet tall.

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A valued reader phoned in that for sixty-six years Appomattox had a Chandler Barber Shop. The late Pat Chandler settled here in 1916. His first shop here was near the former W.R. Reynolds store. When I moved here in '31, Pat's shop was next to the James drug store, Main Street. "Buster" Chandler and then Frank Chandler continued in the trade.

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Knowing that I collect newspapers from many places, friends add to my growing assortment. Latest is a copy of The Fairbanks, Alaska, Daily NEWS-MINER. Issue of January 17 and saved for me by Mrs. Brod Pack who came across it in some wrappings from merchandise. Maybe this is our most northern newspaper. Was established in 1903, thirty cents per copy, 48 pages. One feature news story was about the upcoming International Sled Dog Race, from Anchorage to Nome, with 53 dog mushers entered. Wow, 1,049 miles. Last year's winner did it in 14 days, 7 hours 11 minutes and 51 seconds. Must be church-going folk up there. I counted 23 Baptist churches and others of many denominations, including some I never heard of. I have never been to Alaska and probably never will see The Yukon. Fortunately some of our greatest writers have given us the heritage of brave people in a fabulous world of its own, and it makes for a proud America.

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Lent begins Wednesday and then forty days to Easter Sunday.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.